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1) Responsive to co	ommunication(s) filed on <u>06 Ju</u>	ne 2007.				
2a) ☐ This action is FIN		action is non-final.				
· —	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims		•				
4a) Of the above 5)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-14</u> is/s 6)□ Claim(s) is 7)□ Claim(s) is	s/are rejected.					
Application Papers						
10)⊠ The drawing(s) fil Applicant may not Replacement draw	request that any objection to the oring sheet(s) including the correction	r. ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See on is required if the drawing(s) is objection. Note the attached Office	e 37 CFR 1.85(a). ected to. See 37 C			
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1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

- Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. Applicant forgot to include the label "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" in the top margin of the drawing sheets submitted on 6/6/07.

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Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex* parte Quayle, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 1-14 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner withdraws the outstanding 102 (b) rejection on claims 1-7 based on applicant's arguments.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rina I. Duda whose telephone number is 571-272-2062.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lincoln Donovan can be reached on 571-272-1988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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